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(8) *Minor Irrigation Programme*—(i) *Sinking of new wells.*—Financial assistance up to a limit of Rs. 3,000 per well (Rs. 2,500 loan and Rs. 500 to be treated as subsidy) is being given to the ryots.

(ii) *Sinking of borewells.*—The scheme has recently been sanctioned by Government and the Department has been taking action to procure well boring rigs with the help of the Government of India. The intending ryots will be supplied with well boring equipment at reasonable rates when the scheme is brought into operation.

(9) *Supply of electrical and diesel oil pumpsets on hire purchase system.*—Ryots are being provided with electrical and diesel oil pumpsets on hire purchase system to help them in improving irrigation facilities. In view of the present national emergency the State Government have also provided an additional sum of Rs. 1 crore to enable distribution of 5,000 more irrigation pumpsets before the end of March 1963.

(10) *Power supply to irrigation pumpsets.*—Power supply is being extended under this programme to irrigation pumpsets to help the ryots in stepping up agricultural production. It is also contemplated to increase the financial provision under minor irrigation programmes during remaining years of the III Plan period with a view to help cultivators.

(11) *Soil conservation.*—Contour bunding has been taken up with a target of 2.70 lakhs acres for the III Plan period. In view of the present emergency for stepping up food production, it is contemplated to increase the financial provision during the remaining three years of the III Plan programme.

Agricultural Colonies in the State

Q.—27. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and names of Agricultural Colonies in the State;

(*b*) the number of Colonies where dwelling quarters and drinking water wells have been provided to the Colonies;

(*c*) the names of the Colonies where dwelling quarters and drinking water wells are yet to be provided ?

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(*a*) There is only one Colony. The name is Marchonahalli Agricultural Colony, Amruthur Hobli, Tumkur District.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Does not arise.